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E.O. 04571: RDS 8/29/94 (WILGIS, HERBERT E. JR) OR-M  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, SHUM, HU, UR, SW  
SUBJECT: WALLENBERG CASE

REF: A) STATE 216676, B) STOCKHOLM 3484, C) TEL AVIV 18423

1. C- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON BIERMAN'S  
ARTICLE, BUT IT WAS QUERIED ON SUBJECT CASE ON JULY 20  
BY AMCIT HARVY ROSENFELD WHO WAS IN BUDAPEST RESEARCHING  
HIS "ROOTS". ROSENFELD VISITED EMBASSY AND SOUGHT  
TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN DOING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON  
JEWISH HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING FATE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT  
WALLENBERG. (ROSENFELD, A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, PLANS TO  
WRITE AN ARTICLE, POSSIBLY A BOOK ON THE HOLOCAUST).  
ROSENFELD PRESENTED TO EMBOFF A COPY OF A LETTER FROM  
CONGRESSMAN KEMP (NY). ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, DATED  
JUNE 28, KEMP HAD ASKED HUNGARIAN AMB ESZTERGALYOS TO  
PROVIDE "ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE" TO ROSENFELD IN MEETING  
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COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST'S VICTIMS. KEMP, ACCORDING TO ROSENFELD, DID NOT RECEIVE A REPLY FROM ESZTERGALYOS PRIOR TO HIS (ROSENFELD'S) DEPARTURE FROM U.S.

3. ROSENFELD ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH GOH MFA AND CHURCH AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, SAYING THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BUDAPEST, INCLUDING DR. (MRS). SZEIFERT, AND THEY "KNEW NOTHING ABOUT WALLENBERG". EMBOFF ADVISED U.S. DESK OFF AT MFA OF THE OVERALL NATURE OF ROSENFELD'S RESEARCH EFFORT AND ASKED IF HE COULD PUT ROSENFELD IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOH OFFICE FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS. DESK OFFICER WAS INITIALLY HESITANT PLEADING SHORT NOTICE, VACATIONING PERSONNEL, ETCMN BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK. IN VIEW OF ROSENFELD'S SHORT TIME HERE (ABOUT A WEEK) EMBOFF AGAIN CALLED DESK OFFICER, WHO SAID HE WAS STILL WORKING ON MATTER AND THAT HE HAD NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON THE KEMP-ESZTERGALYOS CORRESPONDENCE. ROSENFELD, APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED, APPRECIATED EMB'S EFFORTS AND SAID HE WOULD VISIT SWEDISH EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

4. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH EMB OFF (GANSLANDT) ROSENFELD VISITED SWEDISH EMBASSY BUT WAS TOLD SWEDISH EMBASSY HAD NO DOCUMENTATION ON WALLENBERG CASE AND REFERRED HIM TO STOCKHOM MFA.

5. COMMENT: SENSITIVITY OF GOH TO WALLENBERG CASE MOST PROBABLE REASON FOR MFA'S FOOT-DRAGGING ON ROSENFELD'S REQUEST. THE HUNGARIANS CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO TOUCH THIS CASE, OVER WHICH THEY HAD NO CONTROL WHEN IT OCCURRED AND THE MEMORY OF WHICH IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. ABOVE REPORTED

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SO THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BUDAPEST, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY PERIPHERAL TO WALLENBERG CASE.  
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